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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CIEC

SUBJECT: PEREZ GUERRERO-MACEACHEN MEETING

SUMMARY

1. PEREZ GUERRERO AND MACEACHEN AGREE MARCH 7 TO  
A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RESUMED CIEC MEETINGS, WHICH,  
MACEACHEN BELIEVES, WILL ACHIEVE G-8 OBJECTIVES.  
END SUMMARY.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY PG AND  
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MACEACHEN AGREED TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE  
SENT TO CIEC MEMBERS:

QUOTE. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OUR RESPECTIVE GROUPS,  
WE HAVE AGREED TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING PREPARATORY  
ARRANGEMENTS AND DATES FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE  
CONFERENCE:

APRIL 26-28 - MEETING OF 10 CO-CHAIRMEN IN CONJUNCTION

WITH MEETINGS OF THE G-8 AND THE G-19 AT SENIOR LEVEL.  
APRIL 29 - MAY 14 - CONTACT GROUPS  
MAY 26 - 27 - MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS  
MAY 30 - JUNE 1 - MINISTERIAL MEETING  
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 26-28 WOULD BE  
TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND TO LAUNCH THE PROCESS  
OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE  
CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL  
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. WE INTEND TO PROCEED TO IMPLE-  
MENT THESE PROPOSALS UNLESS OBJECTION HAS BEEN  
RAISED BY MARCH 21. UNQUOTE. MESSAGE WILL BE  
TRANSMITTED FORMALLY TO CIEC 27 THROUGH GUITTON  
ON MARCH 9, AFTER TRANSMITTAL TO G-8 AND G-19  
SEPARATELY.

3. SOURCE SAID PG AT FIRST INSISTED THAT INITIAL  
MEETING BE AT SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL. AFTER MAC-  
EACHEN RESISTED STRONGLY P-G HIMSELF PROPOSED  
COMPROMISE FORMULA OF "MEETING OF 10 CO-CHAIRMEN  
IN COMBINATION WITH MEETING OF THE G-8 AND THE G-19  
AT SENIOR LEVEL."

4. ONLY OTHER CONTROVERSIAL POINT WAS LENGTH OF  
MINISTERIAL MEETING, P-G INSISTED ON NEED FOR  
THREE-DAY MEETING, CITING THREE-DAY MEETING ORIGIN-  
ALLY SCHEDULED LAST DECEMBER. SOURCE SAID MACEACHEN  
WELL AWARE OF CONFLICT WITH IDB MEETING ON JUNE 1  
AND SAID MACEACHEN WILL BE CONSULTING WITH USG  
ON THIS POINT. SOURCE SAID MACEACHEN SATISFIED  
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THAT HE ACHIEVED ESSENTIAL G-8 OBJECTIVES.

5. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE NOT DISCUSSED EXCEPT  
INFORMALLY DURING LUNCH AND DINNER. NEVERTHELESS,  
SOURCE SAID P-G APPARENTLY OPTIMISTIC AND PLEASED  
BY WHAT HE HAS HEARD OF ATTITUDE OF NEW U.S.  
ADMINISTRATION. MACEACHEN CONCURRED, CITING  
G-8 MEETING IN PARIS, HIS OWN CONTACTS WITH USG,  
AND RECENT MEETING OF PM TRUDEAU AND PRESIDENT  
CARTER.

6. CANADIAN SOURCE SAID PG PLACED PARTICULAR  
STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING  
BEFORE SUMMIT MEETING. CANADIANS HAD IMPRESSION  
THAT PG'S VIEWS WERE REINFORCED BY HIS RECENT TALKS  
WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAIGN, WHO APPARENTLY  
LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT VIEWS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS  
WOULD BE HIGHLY RELEVANT TO SUMMIT AGENDA.

7. MEETING FOLLOWED BY JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE  
VAT WHICH FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED  
(INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH TEXT):  
QUOTE. HAVING CONSULTED THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS,  
THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ALLAN J. MACEACHEN OF  
CANADA AND MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO OF VENEZUELA,  
MET IN CARACAS ON MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS  
FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF CIEC. THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN  
AGREED ON THE WORK CALENDAR TO BE PROPOSED TO  
THE 27 MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.  
IN THE OPINION OF BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN, AND IN  
THE LIGHT OF MEETINGS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS,  
THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE IS IN ITS FINAL AND  
DECISIVE STAGE, WHICH THEY EXPECT (ESPERAN) WILL  
BE CONCLUDED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.  
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8. THE CO-CHAIRMEN AVOIDED ANSWERING QUESTIONS  
ABOUT SPECIFIC DATES OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE  
PENDING CONSULTATION WITH CIEC MEMBERS. THEY ALSO  
STATED THAT OTHER FACTORS WERE INVOLVED IN THE  
DECISION TO DELAY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ADDI-  
TION TO THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE US  
(I.E., THE JAPANESE ELECTIONS AND "THE NECESSITY  
FOR A PERIOD OF REFLECTION"). ASKED WHAT POSITIVE  
RESULTS EACH GROUP CAN EXPECT, PG REPLIED, "WE HAVE  
HOPED THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD PARTICULARLY  
BENEFIT, BECAUSE THEY ARE POORER, BUT WE ALSO  
UNDERSTAND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE  
NORTH. A SUCCESS WILL HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT  
REPRESENTS SOMETHING SUFFICIENT SO THAT ALL OF US,  
THAT IS TO SAY ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CAN  
CONSIDER THAT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IS SUFFICIENT  
TO ENSURE THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION  
CAN ENTER INTO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE CHANNELS."  
ASKED ABOUT HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS REGARDING A LACK  
OF POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF SOME COUNTRIES,  
PG REPLIED, "THIS WAS THE VIEW OF THE GROUP OF 19  
... WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR OPINION  
BUT WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS POLITICAL WILL  
WHICH WAS LACKING IS NOW MANIFESTING ITSELF AND  
WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE MANIFESTED IN A MORE CONCRETE  
MANNER."  
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